

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 stand rejected. Claims 1-28 remain pending in this patent application. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the remarks set forth below.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification and claims do not add new matter to the application.

Claim Objection

The Examiner has stated that in "Claim 1, the terms 'a subsequent design project' is unclear to what applicant intend to mean. Correction is required." As such, Applicants have herein amended Claim 1 to remove the word "subsequent". Applicants apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused the Examiner.

Drawings

The Examiner has stated that "Applicant filed new drawing dated 01/28/02, unfortunately, it is not in the file document. A new drawing copy should be provide in the next response." As such, Applicants have attached hereto a copy of the 8 corrected drawing sheets associated with the present application.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1-11 of the present application are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Heile et al., US Patent Number 6,321,369 (hereinafter Heile). The Applicants have reviewed the Heile reference and, for the following rationale,

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Heile reference.

CLAIMS 1 and 7

Applicants respectfully assert that the Heile reference fails to teach or suggest a method of modifying a global electronic resource as recited in newly amended independent Claims 1 and 7. For instance, amended Claim 1 recites in part (emphasis added):

selecting the global electronic resource via an input device wherein the global electronic resource is associated with a first electronic design project;
displaying a plurality of possible parameter values for the global electronic resource in response to the selecting the global electronic resource;

Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 1 and 7 recite that in response to the selecting of a global electronic resource associated with a first electronic design project, a plurality of possible parameter values for the global electronic resource are displayed. However, Applicants respectfully assert that the Heile reference fails to teach or suggest a method that includes these elements as recited within amended Claims 1 and 7. Since the Heile reference fails to teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claims 1 and 7, Applicants respectfully contend that the Heile reference cannot anticipate nor render obvious the present invention recited in amended Claims 1 and 7.

Based on the above rationale, Applicants respectfully submit that newly amended independent Claims 1 and 7 are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Heile reference. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit amended Claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the Heile reference.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 12-28 of the present application are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Heile reference in view of Goykhman, Publication Number 2002/0174134 (hereinafter Goykhman). The Applicants have reviewed the Heile and Goykhman references and, for the following rationale, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is not rendered obvious by the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination.

CLAIM 12

Applicants respectfully contend that the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a system for selecting and using a current global parameter value as recited in newly amended independent Claim 12. For instance, amended Claim 12 recites in part (emphasis added):

a global resource menu configured to display the current global parameter value of a global electronic resource, to display a plurality of possible global parameter values, and to allow one of the plurality of possible global parameter values to be chosen as the current global parameter value;

a global resource parameter selector coupled to the global resource menu and configured to set the current global parameter value for an associated electronic hardware resource;

Applicants respectfully contend that the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest a global resource menu and global resource parameter selector that operate as specifically recited in amended Claim 12. For example, the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a global resource menu that is able to display a current global parameter value of a global electronic resource, to display a plurality of possible global parameters values, and allow one of the possible global parameter values to be chosen as the current global parameter value which is associated with an electronic hardware resource. Since Heile and Goykhman, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claim 12, Applicants respectfully assert that amended Claim 12 is not rendered obvious by the Heile and Goykhman references.

Based on the above rationale, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 12 is not render obvious by the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit amended Claim 12 is allowable over the Heile and Goykhman references.

CLAIMS 17 and 23

Applicants respectfully contend that the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the methods of processing global electronic design resources as recited in newly amended independent Claims 17 and 23. For instance, amended Claim 17 recites in part (emphasis added):

displaying, in tabular form, a list of global electronic design resources and respective global design parameter values associated therewith for use in a first electronic design project;

in response to a user selection of a selected global electronic design resource, displaying a window comprising a plurality of possible values for said selected global electronic design resource;

Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 17 and 23 recite that in response to a user selection of a displayed global electronic design resource for use in a first electronic design project, a window is displayed comprising a plurality of possible parameter values for the selected global electronic resource. However, Applicants respectfully assert that the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest a method that includes these elements as recited within amended Claims 17 and 23. Since Heile and Goykhman, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest at least one element recited in amended Claims 17 and 23, Applicants respectfully contend that amended Claims 17 and 23 are not rendered obvious by the Heile and Goykhman references.

Based on the above rationale, Applicants respectfully submit that newly amended independent Claims 17 and 23 are not rendered obvious by the Heile and Goykhman references, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit amended Claims 17 and 23 are allowable over the Heile and Goykhman references.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of rejected Claims 1-28.

Based on the reasoning presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that amended Claims 1-28 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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